SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising out of the figures supplied by the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry, may I know whether he is aware of the fact that the amount spent on maintaining this Veterinary Dispensary is not commensurate with the number of animals treated therein? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No, Sir. The amount spent is only Rs. 5,000 and in the opinion of the Government, it is worth spending on that account."

*Forest Guards with S.S.L.C. qualification.*

* 346 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Forest guards who have passed the S.S.L.C. examination in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Twenty-nine Forest guards have passed the S.S.L.C. examination.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" At the time when the candidates concerned were appointed to the posts of Forest guards, they were given the promise that they would be promoted as Foresters. Why have the Government failed so far to promote them as Foresters while, on the other hand, they have promoted as Foresters those who have not passed the S.S.L.C. examination? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Is it not fair on the part of the Government to promote these S.S.L.C. passed candidates from the post of Forest Guards to that of Foresters? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This supplementary question was put by the previous questioner also."

*Tapping of ' Neera ' from coconut trees.*

* 347 *Q.*—SRI T. S. ARDHANARI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the districts permitted to tap ' Neera ' from coconut trees? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" The tapping of coconut trees for sweet toddy for the manufacture of jaggery has been permitted in such of the areas of Coimbatore, Malabar and South Kanara districts where there is real demand from the tappers for such tapping and where such concession will not hamper the normal working of the Prohibition Act."

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI:—" சேலம் ஜில்லாவில் பதனி விற்பதற்கு அனுமதி அளிக்கவேண்டுமென்று சேலம் மதுவிலக்கு கமிட்டி அனுப்பிய தீர்மானம் சர்க்காருக்குக் கிடைத்ததா ? கிடைத்தால் அதன்பேரில் சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" A separate question may be given notice of."